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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 021081PC/KF	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/AU03/01552	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 20 November 2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 20 November 2002
Applicant BIO-MOLECULAR HOLDINGS PTY LIMITED et al		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

Basis of the report

a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

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☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title, ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

CENTRIFUGAL DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PERFORMING BINDING ASSAYS

5. With regard to the abstract, ☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ None of the figures

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention

Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The invention the subject of this application relates to a device for performing binding assays. In particular, the invention relates to a centrifugal device (1) for performing such assays. The invention also relates to a method of performing binding assays involving antigen-antibody binding, nucleic acid hybridization, or receptor-ligand interaction.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTERInt. Cl. ⁷: G01N 33/53, 35/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

DWPI, JAPIO IPC G01N 33/55 - 37/00, B01L/IC with KEYWORDS : measur+ or detect+ or assay+; rotor? or rotat+ or revolv+ or spin+ or centrifug+; interaction? or agent? or partner? or reagent? or antigen? or antibody? or ligand?; bind+ or bound or attach+; temperature? or heat+

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 01/67102 A (THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA) 13 September 2001 Abstract; page 4, lines 16-25; page 5, lines 14,15; page 6, line 1 - page 7, line 4; page 24, line 4	1, 2
X	WO 95/31731 A (GAMMA BIOLOGICALS, INC) 23 November 1995 Abstract; page 3, lines 13-15, lines 25-31	1, 2
A	WO 01/66555 A (DATASCOPE INVESTMENT CORP.) 13 September 2001 Whole specification	

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C☒ See patent family annex

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A	WO 02/39125 A (3M INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES COMPANY) 16 May 2002 Whole specification	

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Information on patent family members

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This Annex lists the known "A" publication level patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned international search report. The Australian Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

Patent Document Cited in Search Report		Patent Family Member					
WO	0167102	AU	41938/01	CA	2402157	EP	1261872
		US	2002107179				
WO	0166555	AU	47328/01	CA	2400680	EP	1261617
		US	2002051981				
WO	9531731	AU	26373/95	AU	45032/97	AU	46507/97
		CA	2190462	EP	0760953	EP	0934523
		US	5665558	US	5905028	WO	9816831
		WO	9816832				
WO	0239125	AU	39226/02	CA	2423580	EP	1322962
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